

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Confirmation Number: **4958**

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Group Art Unit: **2196**

Serial No.: **10/685,551**

Examiner: **Hussain, Tauqir**

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Docket No. **190250-1350**

For: **Transferring Instant Messaging (IM) Messages**

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.